GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:719
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2000
MODERNISATION OF CENTRAL SECURITY FORCES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have chalked out a plan to strengthen and modernise the Central Security forces.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether additional battalions would be created to meet the demands of the States in this regard;

(d) if so, the details in this connection; and

(e) the financial implications involved in the matter and the extent to which the Central Security forces would be able to combat terrorism in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.719 DUE ANSWER ON 16.5.2000.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

Modernisation of the Central Para Military Forces(CPMFs) is an ongoing exerciseDuring the last few years, the government have given special attention to upgrading the striking capability of CPMFs by induction of modern and sophisticated weaponry and equipment. In order to provide a time perspective to Government`s effort and to cope with the challenge of increased militant and terrorists activities, the CPMFs have formulated five year perspective plans for modernisation of weaponry and equipment.The tentative financial projection of these plans is around Rs.4000 crores.

These plans will be implemented in a phased manner, over the next five years commencing 2000-01, subject to availability of funds in the annual budget.

(c),(d) & (e): The Government has sanctioned raising of 12 additional Bns of the CPMFs on temporary basis as under:-

Assam Rifles	-	5	Bns
BSF	-	3	Bns
CRPF	-	4	Bns

The total financial implication for creation of these Bns would be Rs. 260 crores. In addition 5 India Reserve Bns have also been sanctioned to the following States:-

J&K	2
Himachal Pradesh	1
Tripura	1
Punjab	1

The initial non-recurring cost of raising these Bns will be Rs.65 crores.

These modernisation plans and the additional raisings would help the CPMFs to combat terrorism in the country.An Inter-Ministerial Group has been set up to assess the futuristic requirements of CPMFs.